



Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Fact Sheet

What do I get?

Up to \$5,000 per school year!!

This can cover the following school-related expenses:

- tuition and fees
- room and board
- student loans
- books and school supplies
- transportation
- personal computer/supplies
- miscellaneous personal expenses
- health care expenses
- child care

How do I apply?

- ❑ You can get the application at:
 - Your local FIA office,
 - FIA Central Office: (517) 241-8904, or
 - On-line at:
 - http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/NRCYD/State_Pages_f/state_mi.htm#educational
- ❑ You must **also** apply for the FAFSA
 - <http://www.fafsa.org/>

Am I eligible?

You are, if you meet the following requirements:

- ✓ were in foster care on or after your 14th birthday because of abuse/neglect or,
- ✓ were adopted from foster care on or after your 16th birthday
- ✓ have a high school diploma or GED
- ✓ attend, at least half-time, an ***accredited*** school that:
 - ◆ awards a Bachelor's degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree,
 - ◆ provides no less than 1-year of training towards gainful employment, *or*
 - ◆ is a vocational program that provides training for gainful employment and has been in existence for at least two years.

You are eligible until your 21st birthday if you meet the above criteria. If you participated in the program before your 21st birthday, eligibility continues until age 23 provided you receive passing grades

When do I get the award?

- ❖ Applications will be processed on a rolling-basis (first come, first served). After **all** of your application materials have been turned in and processed, you will receive an award letter.
- ❖ This award will be sent directly to your post-secondary school. If there are additional funds available after your fees are paid, and you have documented need for other school-related expenses, your school financial aid office will release the funds to you.

Contact/Mail Information To:

Michigan Family Independence Agency
Children's Services
235 S. Grand Ave, Suite 510
PO Box 30037
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 241-8904 Fax: (517) 335-6177



Application Form

Basic Information

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL _____

COUNTY of Foster Care Case _____ CASE # _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
(Street, city, state and zip code)

CASE WORKER'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM? *(please check the box that applies)*

☐ FIA Caseworker ☐ Non-FIA Caseworker ☐ School Counselor ☐ Foster Parent ☐ College/University/Vocational Program

School Information

SCHOOL/PROGRAM NAME: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL/PROGRAM _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS _____
(Street, City, State and Zip Code)

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TELEPHONE (____) _____

Total ETV Amount Requested (Up to \$5000): _____
(Please list budget on the following provided page)

Youth Agreement

I, _____, agree to meet the terms and conditions of the Educational Training Voucher Program and will work toward successfully completing the course work at the school listed above. I have read the policy and eligibility requirements for the Educational and Training Voucher Program funds.

Youth's Signature: _____

Date: _____

FIA Staff Person's Name: _____

Date: _____

FIA Staff Agreement

I have read and support the above youth's educational plan. I will assist _____ in his/her plans to pursue his/her post-secondary educational opportunities at the above named institution by processing requests for assistance in a timely manner.

Staff Person's Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Department: _____

Phone: (____) _____



Policy and Eligibility Requirements

(Documentation of each item must be submitted with this application)

Documentation of Eligibility: [Check to indicate compliance and documentation provided]

- ☐ ETV program eligibility extends to:
 - ☐ Those youth who were in foster care on or after their 14th birthday, or
 - ☐ Those youth who were adopted on or after their 16th birthday.
 - ☐ Youth has been accepted to an *accredited* post-secondary or vocational school (see below for explanation),
 - ☐ Youth agrees to attend school *full-time* or *part-time*

In order to receive funding, the institution that you attend must:

[Check to indicate compliance and documentation provided]

- ☐ Be legally authorized within the State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
- ☐ Provide an educational program where the institution awards a bachelor's degree *or* provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, *or*
- ☐ Provide an educational training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;
- ☐ Be a public, private or other nonprofit institution; *and*
- ☐ Be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association.

The youth must submit the following documents before the re-application can be approved:

[Check when included]

- ☐ Education Training Voucher Application,
- ☐ Copy of high school diploma or GED
- ☐ Copy of class schedule to ensure at least part-time enrollment,
- ☐ Copy of post-secondary school transcript to ensure passing grades,
- ☐ Copy of financial aid package documenting all financial aid received and financial need,
- ☐ Completed Itemized Budget List, *and*
- ☐ Completed Student Education Agreement

The youth must submit the following to their school or program:

[Check when completed]

- ☐ Completed Financial Aid Release sent to the financial aid office

The caseworker must assist the youth in submitting the following documents before the application is processed if requested: [Check when included]

- Service Youth Profile Report, FIA-4713, documenting the services to be provided by this resource, &
- A signed copy of the student education agreement

Note to applicant: Youth can re-apply directly to the foster care program office if all application conditions are met and it is more convenient to do so. For questions regarding youth eligibility or the application process please contact your county FIA office and ask to set up an appointment with a foster care worker or other designated staff. Completed applications with documentation can be faxed or mailed to the address below. You may also call the Program Office at (517) 241-8904 for assistance.

****Maximum benefit per youth is up to \$5,000.00 per academic school year.** The total benefit shall not exceed the total cost of attendance or documented need. The award will be sent directly to the post-secondary school. Please return completed application and documentation to FIA Central office:



Student Educational Agreement

Student Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

FIA Case Number _____

In order to be approved for Education Training Vouchers (ETV) to help fund my post-secondary educational endeavors, I _____ (print name) agree to the following conditions. Please initial beside each commitment:

A. To complete and submit all necessary documentation according to the ETV application requirements.

B. To maintain full-time or part-time status at my post-secondary institution: _____

C. To maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. or the equivalent of passing grades. _____

C. To meet the terms of this student education agreement. _____

E. To meet the goals, listed below, of this Student Education Agreement. _____

F. In the space provided identify long-term educational and career goals. Include any extracurricular activities that will help attain these goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

If the above conditions are met, I may receive up to \$5,000.00 annually from the State of Michigan's Education Training Voucher Funds to support my documented need for post-secondary educational endeavors (this may include assistance with tuition, room and board, and personal miscellaneous expenses).

By signing below I agree that I have been involved in the development of the student education agreement plan and accept responsibility for this plan. I understand that I must meet the above conditions, or I will not receive the education training voucher funds.

YOUTH

DATE

FIA WORKER (if open case)

DATE



Financial Aid Release

School: _____
(print name of school or program you are attending)

RE: Student ID: _____
(print your student ID)

Social Security Number: _____
(print your Social Security Number)

I have completed the FAFSA ☐ yes ☐ no (please check one)

To the Financial Aid Office:

I _____ (print name) have applied for State funding towards my school costs. In order to receive this funding, the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program staff at the Michigan Family Independence Agency may need access to my financial aid information. If requested, I authorize you to send a copy of my Financial Aid Award letter to the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. I further authorize you to release information regarding my financial status to the Michigan ETV Program via US Mail, telephone or fax.

Sincerely,

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Please check one of the following:

I am a ☐ full time student (____ credits) ☐ part time student (____ credits)

Michigan Family Independence Agency – Children's Services - Grand Tower Building – 235 S. Grand Ave. – Suite 510-
P.O. Box 30037 – Lansing, MI 48909 – Phone: (517) 241-8904 – Fax: (517) 335-6177



Budget Form

Please identify the school-related costs this award will meet from **Fall Term 2004 through September 2005**. The following is a suggested list but not inclusive, so please identify the areas specific to YOUR needs. Make sure that if you are asking for \$5,000, then the total below should add up to \$5,000. Finally, you must **provide documentation for the expenses** (lease for rent, gas receipts, grocery receipts, book receipts, etc.)

Tuition:

Student Loans

Housing:

How much per month

X

of months

=

Total Housing Costs

Food:

How much per month

X

of months

=

Total Food Costs

Books:

Materials/Supplies/Computer:

Transportation:

How much per month

X

of months

=

Total Transportation Costs

Daycare Expenses:

How much per month

X

of months

=

Total Daycare Costs

Other:

Total:

=

**** Your total should not exceed \$5,000. If you do have greater needs, please contact our office.**



Resources Available to Youth Pursuing College

Ever wonder how you were going to pay for college, or who can afford to go to college? This fact sheet will answer those questions and direct you to the right places for more information.

College is affordable and available to YOU!

"Before you can make a dream come true. You must first have one." Ronald E. McNair Ph.D., 2nd African American Astronaut

- ✓ All students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Students can access online at <http://www.fafsa.org> or <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. The deadline for the application is February 15th. In order to receive loan money, the Pell grant for low-income students or other aid, the student **MUST** complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ The **Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)** helps pay for tuition and fees. Contact the office for eligibility requirements at 1-877-FA-FACTS.
- ✓ **Educational Training Vouchers** offer up to \$5,000 towards school-related costs and living fees. It is for youth that were in foster care after the age of 14. Contact the foster care program office for eligibility requirements at (517)-241-8904.
- ✓ **Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver** pays tuition for students who are at least ¼ American Indian. Youth apply directly to the financial aid office. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan approves this award. Contact Paul Cloutier at (517) 335-7782.
- ✓ **Casey Family Scholars Program** provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 for young people who spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted. Check the OFA Web site at www.orphan.org/programs/casey.html.
- ✓ **The University of Michigan** offers a **child care subsidy program** to students with dependent children. Contact the office of financial aid for eligibility information and application materials: (734)-763-6600.
- ✓ **Michigan State University in East Lansing** has a scholarship program, currently offering one scholarship per year, for youth exiting foster care. Contact Dr. Gary Anderson at 335-7515 or by email at gary.anderson@ssc.msu.edu.
- ✓ **Ferris State University in Big Rapids** offers services to youth through the local FIA office to those interested or attending Ferris State University.
- ✓ The **Children's Benefit Fund** provides educational supports that include the purchase of computers. Contact Bruce Hoffman, Acting MCI Superintendent at (517) 335-6152.
- ✓ **Youth in Transition (YIT)** is another funding source that can provide educational supports. If the youth still has unmet needs, the YIT fund source is available until the youth turns 21 years old. Please apply at your local FIA office.

Other Websites to check out:

<http://www.orphan.org> <http://kidsource.com/NFPA/index.html> <http://www.fastweb.com>
<http://www.nfpainc.org/scholarship.html> http://www.casey.org/cnc/support_retention/scholarships.htm
<http://www.wiredscholar.com/index.jsp> http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp
<http://www.srnexpress.com/index.cfm> <http://www.maeo.org> <http://www.fastaid.com>